

REMARKS

The Examiner has objected to the specification as not containing a Brief Description of the Figures. Applicants have amended the specification to include a description of Figures 1 and 2.

The Examiner has objected to the disclosure due to informalities such as the inclusion of an embedded hyperlink at page 12, line 13 of the specification. Applicants have deleted the reference to the hyperlink from the specification. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to remove the objection to the specification on this basis.

The Examiner has objected to claims 1 and 2 as reciting more than one period. Applicants have amended claims 1 and 2 to recite SEQ ID NO:1 and SEQ ID NO:2, respectively.

Applicants have deleted “AGT-SAL 11” from claim 1 and “AGTSAL” from claim 2 as requested by the Examiner.

Applicants have deleted “plant” from claim 1 as requested by the Examiner for clarification.

Applicants have amended claims 2 and 6-8 by replacing “A” with “The” as requested by the Examiner.

Applicants have amended claim 8 to replace “AGT-SAL 11” with the words “polynucleotide sequence” as requested by the Examiner.

Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1, 2, 6-8, 10 and 11, as amended, are in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

If, for any reason, the Examiner determines that the pending claims are not in condition for allowance, applicants request that the Examiner call the undersigned attorney at 202-736-8298 in an effort to resolve any matter still outstanding *before* the issuance of another action.

Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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